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SUBJ: EC RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS FROM JAPAN: TAPE RECORDERS  
IN ITALY -- US REQUEST

REF: STATE 83059

1. MISSION DISCUSSED THE REFTEL ISSUE WITH COMMISSION  
OFFICIAL MEYNELL. NOTING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTION  
MISSION OFFICER ORALLY REQUESTED EXEMPTION FROM ITALIAN QUOTA  
ON TAPE RECORDERS ( MAGNETOPHONES) VALUED OVER \$100.

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2. MEYNELL STATED THAT, WHILE HE COULD NOT GIVE A RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST, THE COMMISSION WOULD EXAMINE IT RECEPTIVELY AND HAD IN FACT ANTICIPATED SOMETHING ALONG THESE LINES. BEFORE TAKING THE ACTION THE COMMISSION HAD EXAMINED SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES FOR DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN THE EQUIPMENT CAUSING THE TROUBLE AND OTHER EQUIPMENT WHICH COULD BE EXEMPTED FROM THE ORDER. AMONG THE CRITERIA EXAMINED WAS A PRICE DIFFERENTIATION, BUT ALL THESE POSSIBILITIES WOULD HAVE REQUIRED FURTHER TIME FOR DISCUSSION, AND THE COMMISSION FELT THAT THERE COULD BE NO DELAY.

3. MEYNELL ELABORATED ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE EC ACTION. - PETERSEN SAID THAT BASIC REASON FOR DANISH DECISION WAS FOREIGN MINISTER' S VIEW THAT TO ACCEDE TO OUR REQUEST WOULD VIOLATE THE DANISH POLICY OF UNIVERSALITY AS REGARDS RECOGNITION OF STATES. THIS POSITION HAD RECENTLY BEEN REAFFIRMED AND, HE NOTED, WOULD PERMIT AN AMBASSADOR TO BE RETURNED TO ATHENS. IT HAD THE SUPPORT OF ALL THE PARTIES IN THE FOLKETING AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER BELIEVED THAT VOTE AGAINST THE NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION, A VOTE FOR POSTPONEMENT, OR EVEN AN ABSTENTION, WOULD REOPEN THE ISSUE AND COULD LEAD TO STRONG LEFTIST PRESSURE TO RECOGNIZE CERTAIN REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA AND, THORNING- PETERSEN ADDED WITH EMPHASIS, THE PRG. I MADE NO COMMENT ON THIS LATTER POINT BUT MERELY STATED THAT, AS HE KNEW, WE WERE DISAPPOINTED WITH THE THIS DANISH DECISION. WE HAD HPED, FOR THE REASONS GIVEN IN OUR DISCUSSION LAT WEEK, THAT THE DANES COULD AT LEAST AGREE TO ABSTAIN. I ASKED HOW HE SAW THE POSITIONS OF THE OTHER SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES. HE RESPONDED THAT SWEDEN AND FINLAND WOULD ADOPT A SIMILAR POSITION, ICELAND PROBABLY WOULD, AND NORWAY SEEMED LIKELY TO ABSTAIN.

3. THORNING- PETERSEN ADDED THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS DANISH POSITION HAS ALREADY BEEN COMMUNICATED TO KOREAN CHARGE KIM.

4. COMMENT: IT WAS PROBABLY NOT IN THE CARDS THAT THE DANES COULD BE PERSUADED TO TAKE ANY STEP WHICH THEY COULD INTERPRET AS VIOLATING THEIR PRINCIPLE OF " UNIVERSALITY" WHICH SEEMS NOW TO HAVE BECOME A SHIBBOLETH WITH THEM. OUR CONINUING APPROACHES ON THIS ISSUE MAY, HOWEVER, HAVE RESULTED IN FORCNG THE GOVT TO FOCUS ON THE GENERAL QUESTION OF RECOGNITION, TO INCLUDE THE PRG AND THE AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THORNING- PETRSEN WAS CATEGORICAL IN HIS

REPLY TO MY QUESTION THAT THE GOVT HAD NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER OF RECOGNIZING THESE MOVEMENTS, DESPITE CERTAIN CONTRARY PRESSURES. DUNNIGAN

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